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1. The impact on the Slav community of Buenos Aires of the recent amouncement concerning the nine-country Communist meeting in Warsaw, and the creation of an international Communist organization in Belgrade, was evidenced in two distinct reactions. Radical elements of the Union Eslava, led by Christo Gonevsky, Vice-President of the organization and prominent among Bulgarian Communist leaders, feel that the Slavs in South America must now play an increasingly active and important role in furthering the Communist cause. Gonevsky is said to have stated that Slavs in Argentina must be prepared to serve as "shock troops" to paralyze local industry by strikes or sabotage if necessary. Conservative elements of the local Czech and Polish communities, on the other hand, fear the results of such fanaticism. They are afraid that the activities of such men as Gonevsky may end in violence and police persecution of Slav groups.

2. It is said that the Union Eslava has not yet received instructions regarding projected activities, but it is believed that considerable direction will come from Belgrade through the local Yugoslav Legation, which has direct contact with leaders in that city.

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